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Applicants: KAJI et al.
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METHOD
Group: 1763
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 23, 2002

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully
submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application
filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification
the following:

-- This is a divisional of application Serial No.
09/565,536, filed May 5, 2000; which is a continuation of
Serial No. 08/808,805, filed February 28, 1997. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 13, 19-22 and 28-31 without
prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

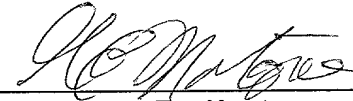
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

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